

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-00-10
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND  
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR**

(Issued August 21, 2000)

On August 11, 2000, Ag Processing Inc (Ag Processing) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in the pending reorganization involving IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company (Interstate), identified as Docket No. SPU-00-10. Ag Processing also submitted prefiled testimony pursuant to the procedural schedule. Finally, a request for permission to appear was filed on the same date by Stuart W. Conrad, counsel for Ag Processing.

In support of its petition to intervene, Ag Processing states it is the largest cooperative soybean processing company in the world. Ag Processing is also a significant producer of refined vegetable oil and commercial feed. Ag Processing has facilities in Iowa located within the exclusive electric service territory of Interstate. Ag Processing's prefiled testimony indicates that while it does not oppose the merger of IES and Interstate, it does have concerns about merging electric tariffs.

The petition to intervene will be granted. Ag Processing has demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented.

Stuart W. Conrad, who is admitted to practice law in Missouri, filed a request for permission to appear on behalf of Ag Processing. The Board will grant the request. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.2(7)"e" and Iowa Supreme Court Rule 116, Mr. Conrad has associated with local counsel for the purpose of receiving service.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The petition to intervene filed by Ag Processing Inc on August 11, 2000, is granted.
2. The request for permission to appear filed by Stuart W. Conrad on August 11, 2000, is granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2000.